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1. Dept advised by Italian Embassy that Santini cancelled January 19 talks because he has problem of Panam 747 frequencies to deal with. Dept pointed out Meadows commitments including Far East trip and suggested Santini might come later same week but otherwise would be too late.
2. Dept disturbed by unilateral decision reported reftel denying Panam frequency without consultation USG. Embassy requested approach Fonoff promptly and make following points, substance of which conveyed Ortona this evening:
 - A) Capacity increase in question minimal since Panam substituting ~~two~~ 747 one-stop for two 707 frequencies one of which nonstop flight;
 - B) Manner in which matter handled hardly designed to improve

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negotiating atmosphere this crucial point;

C) Hard to understand how Panam filing can be construed as reason for Santini to cancel talks, when decision already reached to refuse filing. Begin FYI. Particularly confusing since Santini confirmed trip to Emboff after receiving PANAM filing. END FYI.

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